

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 14-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Horton (U.S. Patent 4,945,563) in view of Yoo (U.S. Patent 5,49,240). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 14, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

...recording of said information in said medium is effected responsive to detection of an identifier that identifies the recipient.

This feature is supported by the issued patent at column 7, line 62 where the subscriber's ID number is disclosed. No new matter has been added.

Thus, an identifier that identifies the recipient must be evaluated before the information is recorded in the medium.

The prior art of record neither discloses nor suggests the above feature. Horton does not stop recording before checking the subscriber ID. In other words, the subscriber ID is never checked before recording starts. Furthermore, while Yoo discloses a tape ID, Yoo does not disclose a subscriber ID. As set forth in Yoo at column 3, line 43, column 4, line 33, and column 5, line 20, Yoo's tape ID is generated by microcomputer. Thus, neither reference discloses Applicant's claimed feature as set forth above. Accordingly, claim 14 is patentable over the art of record.

Claims 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, while not identical to claim 14, also recite the feature of recipient identification. Again, this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record. Accordingly, those claims are also patentable over the art of record.

Claims 35 and 36 are newly added. Claim 35 recites that recording of information in the medium is effected responsive to detection of an identifier. The identifier recited in claim 35 identifies a registered recording/reproducing apparatus. This feature is supported by the issued patent at column 3, line 40 and column 8, lines 1-5. No new matter has been added.

The dependent claims are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515
Attorney for Applicant

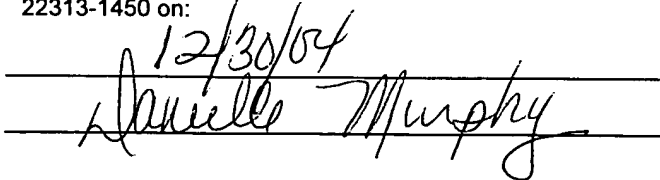
LEA/dlm

Dated: December 30, 2004

P.O. Box 980
Valley Forge, PA 19482
(610) 407-0700

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 18-0350 of any fees associated with this communication.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

12/30/04


DLM_I:\MAT\3720US4\AMENDMENT02.DOC